

OUTDOORS

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

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OUTDOORS

*This is your guide to programs and events held within
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area –
a national park based on collaboration and partnership.*

Dedicated staff, including many volunteers, of participating agencies and organizations provide avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

Questions on a particular program or event?

Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., NPS = National Park Service) for the sponsoring park partner. Then turn to the **Directory on Page 37**.

Directions and **map** for program/event locations is also at the end of this booklet.



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Call **805-370-2301** or visit **www.nps.gov/samo**

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Tips for a safe and enjoyable visit:

Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Please also be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

KEEP HYDRATED Carry and drink plenty of water. Recommend one quart for short walks and more for longer hikes.

FOOTWEAR Wear sturdy footwear – hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

NEVER HIKE ALONE The buddy system allows someone to go for help if needed.

HELP PREVENT WILDFIRE Avoid smoking on trails or in brush areas and do not build fires on the ground.

POISON OAK Staying on trails is the best way to avoid contact with this plant's leaves (clusters of three shiny leaflets) or its roots.

TICKS Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking since some ticks may carry diseases.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATTLESNAKES

These snakes will not bother you if you stay away from them. If someone is bitten by one, do not make an incision or try to draw out venom. Instead, seek advanced medical attention and get the person to an emergency room.

EMERGENCIES

Call **911**. For a ranger, call Angeles Dispatch at **661-723-3620**.



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area

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Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Hours: 9am to 5pm
(closed some holidays)

805-370-2301

Online

www.nps.gov/samo

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Opening the Doo



So... ready to explore? We are!
Join us on **June 9, 2012** to
celebrate the grand opening!
info: Visit **www.nps.gov/samo**

rs to Exploration



On June 9, 2012, the new Interagency Visitor Center is opening its doors – are you ready to explore?

The Anthony C. Beilenson Interagency Visitor Center is nestled in the very heart of the mountains - King Gillette Ranch. This Visitor Center is the first of its kind in the Santa Monica Mountains. In one building, you will be able to interact with staff and volunteers from the National Park Service, California State Parks, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. We'll be together, standing side by side, to guide you in building your visit to our parks.

The Visitor Center will also feature new exhibits and interactive displays, exhibits by local artists, tours of sustainable features, and a native plant garden to explore. Yet, the Interagency Visitor Center is only intended to be a launching point to your greater experience. Join us to find out more about the Santa Monica Mountains and to inform your future activities in the outdoors!

There are so many things to see and do within the Santa Monica Mountains. With the help of the new Visitor Center, you will be able to discover opportunities you may not have considered before. Or, perhaps you may be reminded of a favorite place you would like to visit again. No matter where you land along the spectrum, the Visitor Center staff and volunteers will be your resource for how to make that happen. Come ready to explore our new Visitor Center, but also all that our mountains have to offer.

April



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 tion (e.g., NPS = National
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SUN 4/1 8am
Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and
 beginners will enjoy discover-
 ing the ways of the birds. Bring
 binoculars, hat, water, snack,
 and optional bird book. Info:
 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 4/1 9am
Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Trek From top to bot-
 tom, canyon history and habitat
 chat on this moderately-difficult
 hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA/
 SMMC

SUN 4/1 10am
Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Kids' Hands at Franklin Ages
 3-8 yrs. accompanied by adult,
 join Naturalist Lucy and Jr.
 Rangers Lilly, Bella, and Mia on
 a gentle stroll and get inspired
 for your nature art project. 2hrs
 MRCA/SMMC

SUN 4/1 10am + 1pm
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Free Cultural Program with
Steven Garcia – See box below

TUE 4/3 9am
Santa Monica Mountains
Tuesday Hikers: Santa Ynez
Cyn to Musch Ranch Moder-
 ately paced 8 mi rountrip, 1000'
 gain hike through a canyon to
 Trippet Ranch and Musch Trail
 Camp. Shorter hike possible.
 Meet at Santa Ynez trailhead
 (from PCH go 0.5 mi on Sunset
 Blvd, left on Palisades Dr 2.5 mi,
 left on Vereda de la Montura to
 the gate). Bring water, lunch,
 and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info:
 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

FRI 4/6 6pm
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the
 mountains, meadow, and an
 ocean overlook as the moon
 lights our way. Bring a flashlight
 and meet at upper parking
 lot. Rain cancels. Reservations
 required: 310-317-1364. \$4
 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

FRI 4/6 6:30pm
Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Full Moon/Nearly Full Moon
Jaunt Enjoy a moderately
 strenuous hike exploring nature
 with great views. 2hrs MRCA/
 SMMC

Free Cultural Program

Sunday, April 1
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Steven Garcia will be hosting a leather shield
 painting workshop. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



SAT 4/7 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 4/7 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 4/7 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Habitat Repair Help restore oak trees, shrubs, and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 4/7 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: 805-558-1606 or www.corbamt.com. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 4/7 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Walk Enjoy a walk along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin set amidst sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 4/7 10am

Paramount Ranch
Let's Move Outside Kids of all ages, come enjoy spring by getting physically active in the great outdoors. This ranger-led activity consists of a physical fitness obstacle course and prizes will be awarded! Meet in the parking lot. 1hr NPS

SAT 4/7 10am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin's Movie Magic This site has been the backdrop for many movies and TV shows. Go on location with naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 4/7 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Wildflower Hike Learn to recognize some of our local native plants and flowers. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 4/7 2pm

NPS Visitor Center
Santa Monica Mountains: Color and Light -
See box below



EXHIBIT OPENING / ARTIST RECEPTION

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS:
Color and Light**

Saturday, April 7, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
National Park Service Visitor Center

View the work of local artist, Harvey Cusworth, who specializes in "plein air" style of painting using oil as his primary medium. His paintings reflect images from the impressive park vistas to the dynamic Pacific coastline. Light refreshments will be served.

The exhibit runs through April 30.

Info: 805-370-2301

Kids' Nature Days: Whales

April 14, Saturday 11am–3pm

Leo Carrillo State Park, South Beach

Join us for a fun educational day all about whales! Park Rangers will help you spot whales from the beach so bring a comfortable chair and pack a lunch. Visit educational booths and participate in kids' activities and crafts. \$12 Parking fee.

Info: info@malibuinterpark.com

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and the Santa Monica Mountains
Natural History Association



THU 4/12 8am

Santa Monica Mountains
Las Virgenes Canyon Moderately paced 8-9 mile 800' to 1200' gain hike with various options depending on weather. Meet at trailhead kiosk. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd, north 1+ mile to end; street parking. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 5hrs SC

SAT-SUN 4/14-4/15 8am

Headwaters Corner
Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines -
See box lower left

SAT 4/14 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Earth Day Restoration & Cleanup Volunteers needed for the California State Parks Foundation's Earth Day Restoration & Cleanup sponsored by Edison International. Register at calparks.org/programs/earth-day. 4.5hrs CSP

SAT 4/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 4/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines

**April 14 and April 15
Saturday and Sunday
8am – 5pm***

*Headwaters Corner at
Calabasas*

Your dog will learn to avoid rattlesnakes and warn you when one is nearby. FEE. Registration required:

www.mountainstrust.org or
818-591-1701 x 2. MRT

*30 minute program per dog

SUN 4/8 8:30am

King Gillette Ranch
Birds Everywhere Join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. Meet in parking lot to left of the pond. \$7 parking fee. Rain cancels. Info: 805-370-2301. 2.5hrs NPS

SUN 4/8 1pm

Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all. Led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs TCD

TUE 4/10 9am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons
Tuesday Hikers: Newton & Trancas Cyns Moderately paced, 9-mile roundtrip, 1200' gain hike on the Backbone Trail. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 5hrs SC



SAT 4/14 8:45am*Malibu Creek State Park***Return of the Lost Oak**

Woodlands Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 4/14 9:30am*Point Dume State Preserve*

Artist's Paint-Out Sweeping ocean panoramic views and coreopsis in bloom. Hike up to the headlands from the beach. For new or experienced artist, any media. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 4/14 10am*Charmlee Wilderness Park*

Wildflower Hike Learn to recognize some of our local native plants and flowers. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 4/14 11am*Leo Carrillo State Park*

Kids' Nature Days: Whales - See box on opposite page to the left

SAT 4/14 2pm*King Gillette Ranch***A Walk into the Chumash World**

Join a 1-mile easy walk with naturalist Arthur. Learn how Chumash Indians used the natural resources to create a prosperous and sustainable life style that lasted for 10,000 years. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 4/14 3pm*King Gillette Ranch***Capture A Nature Moment**

Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 4/14 6:30pm*Franklin Canyon -*

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Evening Birds Join naturalist Steve for this evening stroll to experience the smells, sounds, and sights of darkness. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 4/15 8:45am*Santa Monica Mountains*

Weed War Join us at a restoration site. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

SUN 4/15 9am*Malibu Creek State Park*

Backcountry Hike Join a docent for a moderate hike exploring the Backbone Trail west of Corral Canyon. Meet in lower parking lot for carpool. Reservations required by 4/12, 6pm. Contact Tom at 818-216-7696 or tgkaplan54@gmail.com. Rain cancels. 4-5hrs MCD

SUN 4/15 10am + 1pm*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*

Free Cultural Program with Julia Bogany - See box below

SUN 4/15 1pm*Topanga State Park*

Family Nature Walk Open to all. Led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 4/15 3pm*Franklin Canyon -**Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr***Capture A Nature Moment**

Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer; teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 4/17 8:30am*Malibu Creek State Park -**Reagan Ranch***Easy-pace Hikers: MASH Site**

Enjoy a 6-mile, 600' gain hike on Lookout Trail with views of Century Lake. Meet 8:30 am at Cornell & Mulholland dirt parking area. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 3hrs SC

Free Cultural Program

Sunday, April 15**10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm****Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center**

Tongva artist **Julia Bogany** presents a workshop on how to make an abalone necklace. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
LECTURE SERIES**



**CAPTURING EPHEMERAL BEAUTY:
A Celebration of California's Wildflowers**

Saturday, April 21, 2pm - 3:30pm
National Park Service Visitor Center

Join photographer Kahlee Brighton of the Wildflower Conservancy as she shares photos of California wildflowers that can be found in our area. She will also give tips about ways to photograph wildflowers.

See her work at www.wildflowerconservancy.org

Info: 805-370-2301

TUE 4/17 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Tuesday Hikers: Bienveneda to Will Rogers Moderate 8-mile roundtrip, 1600' gain hike. Shorter 4-6 mile option. Meet at end of Bienveneda Ave. (0.6 mi west of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Bl, 1 mi north on Bienveneda). Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-450-4102. 4hrs SC

TUE 4/17 10am

Santa Monica Mountains
Malibu Lagoon Wetlands Trip Walk to the beach; enjoy watching the ocean, sea life, and birds. Wear sturdy shoes; bring water, lunch, or a snack. Info: 818-591-1701 x212. Required reservations: Calabasas Community Services Department at <http://com3.govtsystems.com/ResPcalabasas/?c=Common/Home>. Fee. 2hrs MRT

TUE 4/17 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Culture in the Canyon at the Chautauqua Series Check out www.lamountains.com for this month's speaker and topic. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 4/21 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Volunteer for Invasive Plant Removal Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak. Receive community service credit. Rain cancels. Reservations required: Jerry at 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 4/21 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 4/21 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 4/21 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Restoration Day Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 4/21 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Birds Ages 8–12, use binoculars and microscopes to learn about birds. Bring lunch, water, and wear sturdy shoes. Fee. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x212. 3hrs MRT

SAT 4/21 10am

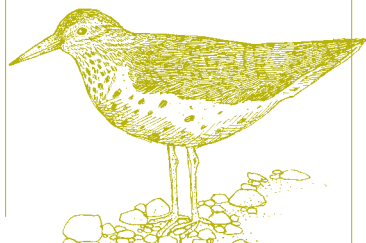
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Tiny Tot Trek Join a Ranger for a hike and learn about our trees. Bring a snack and wear appropriate clothing. Meet in parking lot. Reservations required: 805-370-2301. Rain cancels. 2hrs NPS

SAT 4/21 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Wildflower Hike Learn to recognize some of our local native plants and flowers. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 4/21 2pm

NPS Visitor Center
Capturing Ephemeral Beauty: A Celebration of California's Wildflowers -
See box above

SUN 4/22 Various times*Various locations***29th Annual Great Rendezvous Hikes** - See box to the right**SUN 4/22 8:30am****Malibu Lagoon State Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS**SUN 4/22 8:45am****Topanga State Park Lower Topanga Park Restoration** Help plant, water and weed. Receive community service credit. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: or 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP**SUN 4/22 10am****Malibu Lagoon State Beach Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Special short walk for children and families - binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS**SUN 4/22 11am****Headwaters Corner 9th Annual Art Exhibit** - See box to the right**SUN 4/22 1pm****Topanga State Park Family Nature Walk** Open to all. Led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs TCD**SUN 4/22 2pm****Paramount Ranch Movie Magic** Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS**29th Annual Great Rendezvous Hikes****Sunday (various times) April 22, 2012 – Topanga State Park** Celebrate John Muir's birthday by joining one of five rendezvous hikes that converge at Trippet Ranch for the 12pm to 1pm birthday party. Decorate and eat the famous Great Rendezvous John Muir/Sierra Birthday Cake. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-559-3126. Sierra Club**8:15am Hondo Canyon****8-mile, 1800' gain**
Hike to old cabin site. Car shuttle. Meet at Dead Horse fee parking lot on Entrada Road. 4 hours. Info: 818-773-4601**9am Garapito Canyon****Strenuous 12-mile, 1500' gain**
Meet at south end of Reseda Bl at top of hill at round-about (fee parking). 5 hours. Info: 818-708-9535**9am Los Liones Canyon****Moderate 8.5-mile, 1500' gain**
Meet at end of Los Liones Drive. 5 hours. Info: 310-559-3126**10am Santa Ynez Canyon****Moderate 8-mile, 900' gain**
Meet at trailhead (from PCH go east on Sunset Bl 0.5 mile, left 2.5 miles on Palisades Drive, left on Vereda de la Montura to the gate). 4 hours. Info: 310-838-4842**10am Dead Horse Trailhead****Easier-paced 4-mile round trip, 300' gain family walk.** Meet at trailhead (from Topanga Cyn Blvd go 0.1 mile east on Entrada). 3 hours. Info: 310-839-8235.

Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains & Seashore

9th Annual Art Exhibition

Headwaters Corner in Calabasas

April 22 Sunday, 11am to 5pm

Spend a relaxing afternoon viewing original art by local artists. Paintings displayed are landscapes of the local area. Refreshments served. Artists will donate 20% of sales to Mountains Restoration Trust.

Info: www.allied-artists.com or**Annie: 310-339-8396, Larry: 818-521-7737**

*For inquiring minds of all ages.
Become a citizen scientist. Learn how to track
mountain lions, bobcats, and island foxes.
Get to know the native marine life. Discover the
mysteries of your neighborhood national parks.*

Science Festival at Paramount Ranch, Agoura Hills CA
in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

April 27 + 28, 2012

Friday, 7pm–10pm + Saturday, 11am–4pm

ask a scientist your most pressing questions.

*explore the amazingly wild Santa Monica
Mountains. Have fun with hands-on demonstrations.*

and draw your own conclusions!

INFO: National Park Service **805-370-2301** or
www.nps.gov/samo/sciencefestival.htm

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science
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**National Park Service: Cabrillo National Monument,
Channel Islands National Park, and Santa Monica
Mountains National Recreation Area + Natural History
Museum of LA County + California Science Center +
The Children's Nature Institute**



For the naturally curious

TUE 4/24 8:30am

*Zuma/Trancas Canyons -
Newton Canyon Trailhead*
**Easy-pace Hikers: Newton
Canyon** Enjoy a 5-mile, 800'
gain hike on the Backbone Trail
through oak woodlands and
chaparral. Bring water, snack,
lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen.
Rain cancels. Info: 818-532-
2485. 3hrs SC

TUE 4/24 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
**Tuesday Hikers: Westridge to
Nike Site** This moderate 8-mile
round trip, 1200' gain hike is
above Sullivan Cyn to aban-
doned Nike Site on Mulholland
Drive. Meet at end of Westridge
Rd (Sunset Blvd to Mandev-
ille Cyn Rd, north .25 mile to
Westridge Rd, left to end).
Bring water, lunch, lugsoles.
Rain cancels. Info: 310-477-
9664. 4hrs SC

TUE 4/24 7pm

Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting Join
other gourd artists to experi-
ence new techniques and ideas.
Beginners welcome. Gourds
available. Info: Dorie 818-702-
8020. 2hrs SFVGP

FRI-SAT 4/27-4/28 7pm

Paramount Ranch
**Science Festival - see box to
the left**

FRI-SUN 4/27-4/29

Point Mugu State Park
**31st Annual Santa Monica
Mountains Trail Days - See
box on the opposite page to
the right**

National Park Week April 21 – 29, 2012

This is an annual celebration of *your* national parks.
Celebrate locally! Join in the fun at the **Santa Monica
Mountains Science Festival**. (see above)

You can also drop in at the National Park Service Visitor Center
and receive 15% off your purchase during National Park Week.
*Please note that the 15% discount cannot be combined with association
membership or educator discounts.*

SAT 4/28 8:30am*Santa Monica Mountains*

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 4/28 8:30am*Santa Monica Mountains*

Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 4/28 10am*Topanga State Park***Ambling through the Park**

See early blooming shrubs, wildflowers, mushrooms, mountain, and ocean views on this easy-paced walk on Musch Trail. Info: 310-579-7667. 2hrs CNPS

SAT 4/28 10am*Charmlee Wilderness Park*

Wildflower Hike Learn to recognize some of our local native plants and flowers. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 4/28 10am*Malibu Creek State Park***Welcome to Malibu Creek**

Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 4/29 10am*King Gillette Ranch***Innovation in the Golden**

Era Take a look behind the scenes on this walk through the Golden Era of the Silver Screen. Clarence Brown, renowned film director/producer, designed and created many film techniques and equipment on this property that are still used today. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 4/29 10am*Temescal Gateway Park***Hike-a-thon - See box below****SUN 4/29 1pm***Topanga State Park*

Family Nature Walk Open to all. Led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs TCD

31st Annual Santa Monica Mountains Trail Days

**Friday, April 27 to Sunday, April 29
Point Mugu State Park**

Help improve trails and parks! No experience needed, just a spirit of fun and adventure. Bring yourself or a group. Free camping for volunteers Friday and Saturday nights. Barbecue and campfire on Saturday night. Bring long pants, hat, gloves, water and lunch. Tools provided. Saturday/Sunday meet at 8:30am along service road at 4122 West Potrero Road in Newbury Park to meet caravan.

**For more info: www.smmtc.org
or 818-222-4531**

CSP/NPS/CNPS/SC/SMMTC/CORBA



NatureBridge

Hike-a-thon Temescal Gateway Park
April 29 Sunday, 10am to 2pm

Lace up your shoes and enjoy a hike with friends, family, and co-workers. Help raise funds and awareness to provide environmental education for local children.

Register at naturebridge.org/40hike

Info: 310-765-4871



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at the end of the descrip-
tion (e.g., NPS = National
Park Service). Then use the
Directory on Page 37
to contact the sponsoring
agency or organization.*

TUE 5/1 8:30am

*Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead*
**Easy-pace Hikers: Cold
Creek** This 6-mile, 1000' gain
hike takes you to a riparian
canyon and chaparral, with
sandstone outcroppings. Bring
water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and
sunscreen. Rain cancels. Note:
Cold Creek may still be closed
due to invasive snails. If so, we
will hike from same trailhead
either Stunt High Trail up and
back or to Calabasas Peak. Info:
818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

TUE 5/1 9am

*Circle X Ranch -
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead*
**Tuesday Hikers: Sandstone
Peak (3111')** Moderately paced
9-mile loop, 1500' gain hike on
Boney Mountain follows scenic
trails past Balanced Rock, Split
Rock, and Echo Cliffs. Bring
water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain
cancels. Info: 310-457-9783.
5hrs SC

TUE 5/1 10am

Headwaters Corner
**Threatened and Endangered
Species** Learn why a species
becomes threatened, endan-
gered or extinct. A speaker from
"Friends of the Island Fox" will
discuss the causes of extinction
and how they stabilized the
island fox population. Meet in
the historic Masson House. Info:
818-591-1701 x212. Reserva-
tions required: Calabasas Com-
munity Services Department at
[http://com3.govtsystems.com/
ResPcalabasas/?c=Common/
Home](http://com3.govtsystems.com/ResPcalabasas/?c=Common/Home). Fee. 2hrs MRT

SAT 5/5 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and
maintain trails. Tools and
instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
footwear. For meeting place,
call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/5 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails.
Bring lunch, water, work gloves,
long-sleeve shirt, and eye pro-
tection. For work location, call
818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/5 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
**Introduction to Mountain
Bike Skills** Learn proper off-
road riding fundamentals and
shared-use etiquette. Mountain
bike and helmet required. Heavy
rain cancels. Info: 805-558-
1606 or www.corbamtb.com.
4hrs CORBA

*A Children's Tour
of the Adamson House,
Malibu Lagoon Museum,
and Malibu Lagoon*

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach
9:00am*

**View life as lived at
the house in the 1930's,
Chumash culture, plus
birds, fish, and tidepools
at the lagoon.
2.5 hours MLMD**

**Organized children's groups
only (such as school groups,
scouts, and sports groups).**

**Reservations required:
310-456-8432 or
310-317-8379**

SAT 5/5 9:30am

*Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead*
First Saturday Walk Enjoy a walk along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin set amidst sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 5/5 10am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*
Franklin's Movie Magic This site has been the backdrop for many movies and TV shows. Go on location with naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 5/5 7pm

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*
Full Moon/Nearly Full Moon Jaunt Enjoy a moderately strenuous hike exploring nature with great views. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 5/6 7am

Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 5/6 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 5/6 9am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*
Nature Trek From top to bottom, canyon history and habitat chat on this moderately-difficult hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 5/6 10am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*
Treasure Hunt at Franklin Ages 3-8 yrs. accompanied by adult, join Jr. Rangers Lilly, Bella, and Mia, plus Naturalists Lucy and Sol on a special mission to health and fun. Nature will be your guide. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 5/6 10am + 1pm

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Free Cultural Program with Lisa Wahpepah -
See box below

SUN 5/6 1pm

Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all. Led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 5/6 6pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Adamson House Docent Training

Learn how to share Malibu's fascinating history with the public and how to conduct guided tours of the historic Adamson House. Group or individual training available (21 hours). FEE. MLMD

**Reservations required:
310-456-8432**

Free Cultural Program

**Sunday, May 6
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Lisa Wahpepah will discuss the usage of native plants, share Native stories, and sing traditional songs. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Santa Monica Mountains Native Plant Sale & Planting Event

Saturday, May 12

8am to noon

Rancho Sierra Vista main parking lot

Enjoy the wonder and beauty of native plants, at home and in the park.

The Santa Monica Mountains Fund sponsors this annual native plant sale. Select a plant for Mother's Day. Get expert advice on gardening with natives and fire-safe landscaping. Take a tour of the National Park Service's ethnobotanic garden and native plant nursery. At 10am, join other park supporters for a special planting event to help restore your parkland. All proceeds of plant sales to benefit park restoration and education projects. **Info: 805-370-2301**

Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines

May 12 and May 13
Saturday and Sunday

8am – 5pm*

Tapia Park

Your dog will learn to avoid rattlesnakes and warn you when one is nearby. FEE. Registration required: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x 2. MRT

*30 minute program per dog

TUE 5/8

8am

Santa Monica Mountains
Easy-pace Hikers: Ahman-son Ranch Parklands Hike 5-miles, 700' gain hike through grassland hills of oaks and coastal sage. Visit the old ranch house at Lasky Mesa. Meet at Victory trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Valley Circle Bl exit and go north to Victory Bl, 2 miles. Turn left on Victory, go 0.5 mi. to fee parking area. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 3hrs SC

TUE 5/8

9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Tuesday Hikers: Kenter Cyn Overlook (1700') Join a 6-mile round trip, 700' gain hike with vistas to Cyn Overlook. Meet at Crestwood Hills Park parking lot, 1000 Hanley Ave, Brentwood (Sunset Blvd west 1.5 mi from I-405, north on N. Kenter Av 1 mi, right on Hanley about 1 mi to park). Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 818-786-4932. 3hrs SC

THU 5/10

8am

Santa Monica Mountains
Malibu Nature Preserve Moderately paced 7 mile loop hike, 1650' gain, ascending Nicholas Canyon to Nicholas Flat. Meet at Malibu Nature Preserve, 33905 Pacific Coast Hwy, 12.5 miles west of Malibu Cyn Rd. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-457-9783. 4hrs SC

SAT 5/12

8am

Rancho Sierra Vista
Native Plant Sale & Planting Event - See box above

SAT-SUN 5/12-5/13 8am

Tapia Park
Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines - See box to the left

SAT 5/12

8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/12 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/12 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Habitat Repair Help restore oak trees, shrubs, and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 5/12 9:30am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Artist's Paint-Out Sweeping ocean views and hiking trails across expansive meadows. For the new or experienced artist, any media. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 5/12 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Outside Survival Ages 8–12 learn what to do if you get lost while hiking, how not to get lost, and how to stay safe if you do. Bring lunch, water, and wear sturdy shoes. Fee. Pre-registration required: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. 3hrs MRT

SAT 5/12 11am

Point Mugu State Park - Sycamore Cove
Kids' Nature Days: Sharks - See box above

Kids' Nature Days: Sharks

May 12, Saturday 11am–3pm

Point Mugu State Park, Sycamore Cove

Join us for a fun educational day all about sharks! Park Rangers will present a nature program and activities on the beach so bring a comfortable chair and pack a lunch. Visit educational booths and participate in kids' activities and crafts. \$12 parking fee.

Info: info@malibuinterp.com.

Sponsored by California State Parks and the Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Association

**SAT 5/12 2pm**

King Gillette Ranch
A Walk into the Chumash World Join a 1-mile easy walk with naturalist Arthur. Learn how Chumash Indians used the natural resources to create a prosperous and sustainable life style that lasted for 10,000 years. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 5/12 3pm

King Gillette Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 5/12 7pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Evening Birds Join naturalist Steve for this slow evening stroll to experience the smells, sounds, and sights of darkness. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 5/13 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
Weed War Join us at a restoration site. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

SUN 5/13 1pm

Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all. Led by a naturalist-educator. Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs TCD

Temescal Canyon Association

Join us for a monthly Sunday hike.
 For more information:

www.temcanyon.org



Free Sunday Concert at Peter Strauss Ranch

May 13, 3pm – 5pm

The Wellkey Show

Featuring Alan Boivin and Jubilee, Jerry DeJong and the Sloan Canyon Rangers, and The American Woods – covering Dylan, Creedence, Denver, Stewart, the Eagles, and more.

Info: 805-370-2301

National Park Service



Culture in the Canyon

at the
Chautauqua Series

May 15, Tuesday at 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park

With spring in full swing, butterflies are flitting about. Dr. James Hogue, Manager of Biological Collections at CSUN, will introduce us to our local butterflies and detail their natural history. Learn how to encourage their presence in our lives and yards. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 5/13 2pm

Peter Strauss Ranch

What's at Strauss? Take a stroll with a ranger and discover the rich history of Peter Strauss Ranch. After the program, attend a concert in the amphitheater from 3pm to 5pm. Meet at the bulletin board. 45min NPS

SUN 5/13 3pm

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Capture A Nature Moment

Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 5/13 3pm

Peter Strauss Ranch

Free Sunday Concert - See box at left

TUE 5/15 8am

Cold Creek Preserve -

Lower Stunt High Trailhead

Easy-pace Hikers: Red Rock

Canyon Join a 4-mile, 800' gain hike into Red Rock Canyon with seasonal streams, and chaparral and sage habitats. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 2.5hrs SC

TUE 5/15 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Tuesday Hikers: Bienveneda/Leacock Trail to Peak 2036

Join this moderate 9-mile round trip, 1800' gain hike to Peak 2036. Meet at end of Bienveneda Ave. (.05 mi west of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd, 1 mi north on Bienveneda). Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-839-8235. 5hrs SC

TUE 5/15 10am*Headwaters Corner*

Plants and Trees Join us on a walkabout and learn how plants stay green and healthy with no rain in the summer. Bring water, a snack or lunch. Info: 818-591-1701 x 212. Reservations required: Calabasas Community Services Department at <http://com3.govtssystem.com/ResPcalabasas/?c=Common/Home>. Fee. 2hrs MRT

TUE 5/15 7:30pm*Temescal Gateway Park*

Culture in the Canyon - See box on opposite page at left

SAT 5/19 8:30am*Santa Monica Mountains*

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/19 8:30am*Santa Monica Mountains*

Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/19 8:30am*Santa Monica Mountains*

Volunteer for Invasive Plant Removal Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak. Receive community service credit. Rain cancels. Reservations required: Jerry at 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/19 8:45am*Santa Monica Mountains*

La Sierra Restoration Day Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 5/19 8:45am*Topanga State Park*

Lower Topanga Park Restoration Help plant, water and weed. Receive community service credit. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 5/19 10am*Rocky Oaks*

Tiny Tot Trek Join a Ranger for a fun-filled hike with your toddler while learning about our trees. Bring a snack and wear appropriate clothing. Meet in the parking lot. Reservations required: 805-370-2301. Rain cancels. 2hrs NPS

SUN 5/20 9am*Malibu Creek State Park*

Backcountry Hike Join a docent for a moderate hike exploring the Backbone Trail east of Corral Canyon. Meet in lower parking lot for carpool. Reservations required by 5/17, 6pm. Contact Tom at 818-216-7696 or tgkaplan54@gmail.com. Rain cancels. 4-5hrs MCD



Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival

Join us to celebrate our 52nd year with Southern California's Favorite Bluegrass, Old-Time and Folk Music Event!

**May 20, 2012
Sunday 9am–6pm
Paramount Ranch**

Featuring bluegrass, old-time, & folk music - with contestants, performers, folk dancing, jamming, folk arts booths, and park exhibits. FEE.

Info:
www.topangabanjofiddle.org

Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival, Inc.
in cooperation with the National Park Service

SUN 5/20 9:30am

*Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead*
Canyon Reverie Easy hike
through rock-studded chaparral,
grassland and riparian habitats
with awesome views. Bring
water. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 5/20 10am + 1pm

Rancho Sierra Vista Satwiwa
Free Cultural Program
with **Tim King** - See box below

SUN 5/20 1pm

Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to
all. Led by a naturalist-educator.
Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs
TCD



Free Cultural Program

Sunday, May 20

10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Material culture expert **Tim King** will explain
and demonstrate methods of hunting and tool-
making that the Chumash developed
while living in the Ventura County area.
All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



TUE 5/22 8am

*Caballero Canyon -
Upper Trailhead*
**Easy-pace Hikers: Valley to
the Sea (almost)** This all-day
adventure hikes 8.5 miles, with
a gain/loss of 2300' across
Topanga State Park to Sunset
Blvd. Ride 3 buses and car
shuttle back to start. Lots of
fun. Meet at trailhead at the
top. Bring money for bus, 2 qts
water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and
sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info:
661-255-8873. 7hrs SC

TUE 5/22 9am

*Zuma/Trancas Canyons -
Newton Canyon Trailhead*
**Tuesday Hikers: Kanan Dume
Backbone Trail** This moderate
8-mile round trip, 1400' gain
hike on the Backbone Trail goes
past Upper Zuma Falls then to
the top of the Zuma Ridge Trail
(2500'). Bring water, lunch, and
lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info:
310-838-2354. 4hrs SC

TUE 5/22 7pm

Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting Join
other gourd artists to experi-
ence new techniques and ideas.
Beginners welcome. Gourds
available. Info: Dorie 818-702-
8020. 2hrs SFVGP

THU 5/24 8am

*Zuma/Trancas Canyons -
Newton Canyon Trailhead*
**Upper Zuma Canyon Back-
bone Trail, Zuma Ridge Rd**
Moderately paced 8-mile, 1400'
gain hike on scenic trail through
canyon; then on fire road with
mountain and ocean views.
Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lug-
soles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain
cancels. Info: 818-981-4799.
4hrs SC

SAT 5/26 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and
maintain trails. Tools and
instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
footwear. For meeting place,
call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/26 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails.
Bring lunch, water, work gloves,
long-sleeve shirt, and eye pro-
tection. For work location, call
818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/26 10am

King Gillette Ranch
**Innovation in the Golden
Era** Take a look behind the
scenes on this walk through the
Golden Era of the Silver Screen.
Clarence Brown, renowned film
director/producer, designed and
created many film techniques
and equipment on this property
that are still used today. 2hrs
MRCA/SMMC

SUN 5/27 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 5/27 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families - binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 5/27 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 5/27 1pm

Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all. Led by a naturalist-educator. Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 5/27 2pm

Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

**TUE 5/29 9am**

Santa Monica Mountains
Tuesday Hikers: Santa Monica's Hidden Staircases Join us to count the stairs on this 7-mile hike from Will Rogers Beach to Will Rogers State Historic Park. Optional hike to Inspiration Point. Meet at Adelaide Dr and 4th St. in Santa Monica (1 block north of San Vicente Blvd). Bring water, lunch, and comfortable shoes. Rain cancels. Info: 310-450-4102. 4hrs SC



Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.
 Reservations required:
 310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour. Heavy rain cancels. FEE.

UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve
 K-12 Environmental Education Program:
<http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org/index.php/kids-area>

DRAWING FROM NATURE: Interested in seeing articles on plants and animals in the Santa Monica Mountains, with illustrations by children ages 5-12?

Produced by the UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve, this science and art series was published in L.A. Times *Kids Reading Room Page* from 2001 through 2006 and can be found at
<http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org/newsforkids.html>

For info on Santa Monica Mountains environmental education programs:

<http://samofund.org/SMMEC/SMMEC.htm>

For info on the Reserve: <http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org>

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SAT 6/2 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 6/2 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: 805-558-1606 or www.corbambt.com. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 6/2 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Walk Enjoy a walk along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin set amidst sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

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SAT 6/2 7pm

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Free Evening Program with Ted Garcia - See box below

SUN 6/3 7am

Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

Evening Cultural Program

Saturday, June 2

7pm – 8:30pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Chief of the Southern Clan of the Chumash, Ted Garcia, performs and shares the meaning of Chumash songs. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



SUN 6/3 9am*Franklin Canyon -*

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Trek From top to bottom, canyon history and habitat chat on this moderately-difficult hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 6/3 10am*Franklin Canyon -*

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Kids' Hands at Franklin Ages 3-8 yrs. accompanied by adult, join Naturalist Lucy and Jr. Rangers Lilly, Bella, and Mia on a gentle stroll and get inspired for your nature art project. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 6/3 1pm*Topanga State Park*

Family Nature Walk Open to all. Led by a naturalist-educator. Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs TCD

MON 6/4 7pm*Charmlee Wilderness Park*

Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

MON 6/4 7:30pm*Franklin Canyon -*

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Full Moon/Nearly Full Moon Jaunt Enjoy a moderately strenuous hike exploring nature with great views. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 6/5 8:30am*Solstice Canyon*

Easy-pace Hikers: Tropical Terrace Hike 4 miles, gain 600' on Rising Sun Trail to Tropical Terrace and Solstice Canyon Falls, then back along the canyon through oak and walnut groves by the stream. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-477-9664. 2.5hrs SC

TUE 6/5 9am*Leo Carrillo State Park*

Tuesday Hikers: Beach to Nicholas Flat This moderately paced 8-mile roundtrip, 1800' gain hike provides ocean and mountain views and visits a scenic pond. Meet at parking lot. If Red Flag Alert meet below Santa Monica Pier @ 8:30 am. Info: 562-618-1129. 4hrs SC

TUE 6/5 10am*Headwaters Corner*

Birds of Summer Join us to see which birds enjoy their summers here. Bring binoculars if you have them. Wear sturdy shoes; bring water, snack or lunch. Info: 818-591-1701 x212. Reservations required: Calabasas Community Services Department at <http://com3.govtsystems.com/ResPcalabasas/?c=Common/Home>. Fee. 2hrs MRT

WED 6/6 9am*Peter Strauss Ranch*

Plein Air Landscape Painting All plein air painters are welcome to participate. Bring your painting materials. Info: Trish 805-376-0034. Membership info: David 805-494-1700. 4hrs TOPAW

THU 6/7 8am*Topanga State Park*

Musch Trail, Eagle Rock Loop Moderately paced 8-mile, 1200' gain hike. Meet at parking lot. Bring \$ for parking, 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

SAT-SUN 6/9-6/10 8am*Tapia Park*

Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines -
See box below

SAT 6/9 8:30am*Santa Monica Mountains*

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines

June 9 and June 10
Saturday and Sunday
8am – 5pm*
Tapia Park

Your dog will learn to avoid rattlesnakes and warn you when one is nearby. FEE. Registration required: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x 2. MRT

*30 minute program per dog



SAT 6/9 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 6/9 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve

Habitat Repair Help restore oak trees, shrubs, and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 6/9 9:30am

Will Rogers State Historic Park

Artist's Paint-Out Beautiful renovated ranch house, stables, eucalyptus lined roads, and ocean view. For the new or experienced artist, any media. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

**Anthony C. Beilenson
Interagency Visitor Center
GRAND OPENING**

Saturday, June 9, 10am – 4pm

Join us for a day of celebration as we open the doors to the Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch! Bring a picnic lunch and stay for a day full of festivities. Activities to enjoy will include special guest speakers, a ribbon cutting ceremony, and ranger led tours, not to mention the chance to be the first to explore the new Interagency Visitor Center! We look forward to seeing you there! **Info: 805-370-2301**

National Park Service, California State Parks, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

SAT 6/9 9:30am

Headwaters Corner

Youth Naturalist Program: Insects and Arthropods Ages 8–12 learn about insects and listen to an entomologist from the Natural History Museum. Bring lunch, water, and wear sturdy shoes. Fee. Pre-registration required. Info: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. 3hrs MRT

SAT 6/9 7:30pm

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Evening Birds Join naturalist Steve for this slow evening stroll to experience the smells, sounds, and sights of darkness. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC



SUN 6/10 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains

Weed War Join us at a restoration site. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

SUN 6/10 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Backcountry Hike Join a docent for a moderate hike from Stunt Rd to Tapia. Meet in lower parking lot for carpool. Reservations required by 6/7, 6pm. Contact Tom at 818-216-7696 or tgkaplan54@gmail.com. Rain cancels. 4-5hrs MCD

SUN 6/10 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve -

Lower Stunt High Trailhead

Wildflower Walk Easy hike along creek trail to Cold Creek basin loop trail to see wildflowers and amazing native plant restoration sites. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 6/10 1pm

Topanga State Park

Family Nature Walk Open to all. Led by a naturalist-educator. Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs TCD

THU 6/14 8am

Cheeseboro Canyon

Shepherds' Flat Moderately-paced 9-10 mile hike over grasslands and along an old ranch road following a streambed. Meet at trailhead. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 5hrs SC

SAT 6/16 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 6/16 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 6/16 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 6/16 10am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Ethnobotanica Fascinantes Ethnobotanica Fascinantes Familiarizarse con las plantas nativas y descubre algunos de sus usos notables en esta caminata fácil. Encuéntrenos en el estacionamiento principal y traen su comida para un picnic después de la caminata/excursión. Estudiantes de español bienvenidos! Info: 805-370-2331. 1 hora. NPS

Fascinating Ethnobotany Bilingual Hike Join us on an easy paced bilingual (Spanish) walk. Become familiar with native plants and discover some of their impressive uses. Meet in the main parking lot and bring your lunch for a post-hike picnic. Spanish learners welcome! Info: 805-370-2301. hr NPS

Free Sunday Concert at Peter Strauss Ranch

June 17, 3pm – 5pm

The Greybeards

Experience the rock n' roll soulfire of Southern California through the tunes of The Greybeards! This surfy, swampy, rock trio features San Diego and Nashville musicians who will set your feet a tappin' and your hands a clappin'.

Info: 805-370-2301

National Park Service

**SAT 6/16 2pm**

King Gillette Ranch
A Walk into the Chumash World On a 1-mile easy walk with naturalist Arthur, learn how the Chumash used the natural resources to create a prosperous and sustainable life style. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 6/16 3pm

King Gillette Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Let naturalist Joanne teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 6/17 1pm

Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Led by a naturalist-educator. Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 6/17 2pm

Peter Strauss Ranch
What's at Strauss? Take a stroll with a ranger and discover the rich history of Peter Strauss Ranch. After the program, attend a concert in the amphitheater from 3pm to 5pm. Meet at the bulletin board. 45min NPS

SUN 6/17 3pm

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Capture A Nature Moment Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 6/17 3pm

Peter Strauss Ranch
Free Sunday Concert - See box above

TUE 6/19 8am

King Gillette Ranch
Easy-pace Hikers: Gillette Mansion Hike 5 miles, 400' gain around a valley and coast live oak savannah, grasslands, and coastal sage scrub. Meet in fee parking lot. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-889-9924. 2.5hrs SC

TUE 6/19 9am

Castro Crest

Tuesday Hikers: Corral Cyn to Newton Motorway Join an 8-mile lollipop loop, 1600' gain hike to Newton Motorway. Enjoy views of valley, mountains and sea; craggy rocks and shady glens. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. If Red Flag Alert meet below Santa Monica Pier @ 8:30 am. Info: 310-274-7987. 4hrs SC

TUE 6/19 7pm

King Gillette Ranch

Family Campfire Evening Loosen your marshmallow-roasting arm, pack up the family, and make it straight to the park. Bring some good cheer and we will provide a nature program, roaring campfire and marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA

TUE 6/19 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Culture in the Canyon at the Chautauqua Series Check out www.lamountains.com for information about this month's speaker and topic. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

WED 6/20 9am

Rancho Sierra Vista

Plein Air Landscape Painting All plein air painters are welcome to participate. Bring your painting materials. Info: Trish 805-376-0034. Membership info: David 805-494-1700. 4hrs TOPAW

SAT 6/23 8am

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Canyon Birds Enjoy a leisurely morning stroll in the canyon while feasting your eyes on our feathered friends. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 6/23 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 6/23 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 6/23 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains

La Sierra Restoration Day Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 6/23 8:45am

Topanga State Park

Lower Topanga Park Restoration Help plant, water and weed. Receive community service credit. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 6/23 7:30pm

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Creatures of the Night Take a 1.5-mile look hike with a ranger and discover which animals come out at dusk. Bring a flashlight. 2hrs NPS



SAT 6/23 7:30pm

Franklin Canyon -

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Summer Solstice Hike

Celebrate the beginning of summer with a moderate hike up the Hastain Trail. Naturalist Michael will explore the flora at your feet and what's in the sky above. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 6/24 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 6/24 9am

Solstice Canyon

Canyon and Creek Walk

Enjoy a stroll under oaks and sycamores to Tropical Terrace looking for wildflowers along the way. Bring water and snack. Info: 818-782-9346. CNPS 2hrs

SUN 6/24 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families - binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 6/24 1pm

Topanga State Park

Family Nature Walk Open to all. Led by a naturalist-educator. Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 6/24 2pm

Paramount Ranch

Movie Magic Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SUN 6/24 4pm*Santa Monica Mountains***Long Day's Night Hike A**

moderately strenuous 7-mile roundtrip hike from Santa Ynez Cyn to Trippet Ranch. Meet at Santa Ynez trailhead (PCH east 0.5 mi on Sunset Blvd, left on Palisades Dr 2.5 mi, left on Vereda de la Montura to gate). Bring snack, water, and lugsoles. Red flag alert cancels. Info: 310-559-3126. 4hrs SC

TUE 6/26 8am*Santa Monica Mountains***Easy-pace Hikers: Malibu**

Nature Preserve Join a 4-6 mile, 200' gain/1600' loss hike from Nicholas Flat and descend through a private nature preserve in Nicholas Cyn with ocean views. Snack in Sycamore Grove picnic grounds Meet at the Malibu Nature Preserve, 33905 West PCH, Malibu. Short car shuttle. Bring water, snack, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 5hrs SC

TUE 6/26 7pm*King Gillette Ranch***Family Campfire Evening**

Campfire programs are back! Loosen your marshmallow-roasting arm, pack up the family, and make it straight to the park. Bring some good cheer and we will provide the rest, including a nature program, roaring campfire and marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA

TUE 6/26 7pm*Headwaters Corner*

Gourd Society Meeting Join other gourd artists to experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

THU 6/28 8am*Caballero Canyon -**Lower Trailhead***Nike Missile Radar Site**

Moderately-paced 8-mile, 1100' gain hike with mountain and valley views. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

SAT 6/30 8:30am*Santa Monica Mountains*

Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 6/30 8:30am*Santa Monica Mountains*

Trail Work Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 6/30 10am*Malibu Creek State Park***Welcome to Malibu Creek**

Join a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
9:00am

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon.
2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports groups).

Reservations required:
310-456-8432 or
310-317-8379

Evening Cultural Program

Saturday, June 30

7:30pm – 9pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Hear storytelling and inspirational flute music by Eric "Medicine Wind" Alvarado. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Circle X Ranch	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
Cold Creek Preserve	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
Coldwater Canyon Park	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP
Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
Leo Carrillo State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
Malibu Creek State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 12 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
Paramount Ranch	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
Peter Strauss Ranch	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
Point Mugu State Park	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa	Hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
Rocky Oaks	Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area. NPS
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS
Temescal Gateway Park	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
Topanga State Park	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCD
Will Rogers State Historic Park	Open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	Environmental research and education. K-12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

Directions

- 1 ***Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- 2 **Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.
Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.
Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- 3 **California State Parks Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- 4 ***Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- 5 **Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- 6 ***Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- 7 ***Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- 8 **Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.
Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation. Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.
Top of Stunt Rd: Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak and Stunt Rds.
- 9 **Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- 10 **Franklin Canyon**
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon): From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch*: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)
Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon): From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center*: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)

- 11 Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Circle. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.
- 12 King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.
- 13 Leo Carrillo State Park**
Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway.
Nicholas Flat Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel about 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.
- 14 Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.
- 15 Malibu Creek State Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.
Tapia Unit: Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.
Reagan Ranch: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).
Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road: Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.
- 16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach**
Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.
Adamson House: 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.
- 17 *National Park Service Visitor Center/Headquarters for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** 401 West Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks. Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd. North on Lynn Rd. Turn east (right) on Hillcrest Dr. Left on McCloud Ave. Turn into first driveway on your right. Follow road to the end. The visitor center is located in first building nearest road.
- 18 *Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.
- 19 *Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.
- 20 Point Dume State Preserve** Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.
- 21 Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.
Ray Miller Trailhead: 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.
- 22 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.
El Matador State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.5 mile east of Encinal Canyon Rd.
La Piedra State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy 0.1 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.
El Pescador State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.4 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.

23 *Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center: Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.

Wendy Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

24 Red Rock Canyon Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

25 *Rocky Oaks Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

26 Runyon Canyon Park Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

27 *Solstice Canyon From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center See #23.

Sooky Goldman Nature Center
See #10.

28 Stunt Ranch Reserve See #8.

29 Tapia Park See #15.

30 Temescal Gateway Park From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

31 Topanga State Park South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

Dead Horse Trailhead: From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.

Los Lions Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.

32 Wilacre Park Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

33 Will Rogers State Historic Park
1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

34 *Zuma/Trancas Canyons

Zuma Ridge Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.

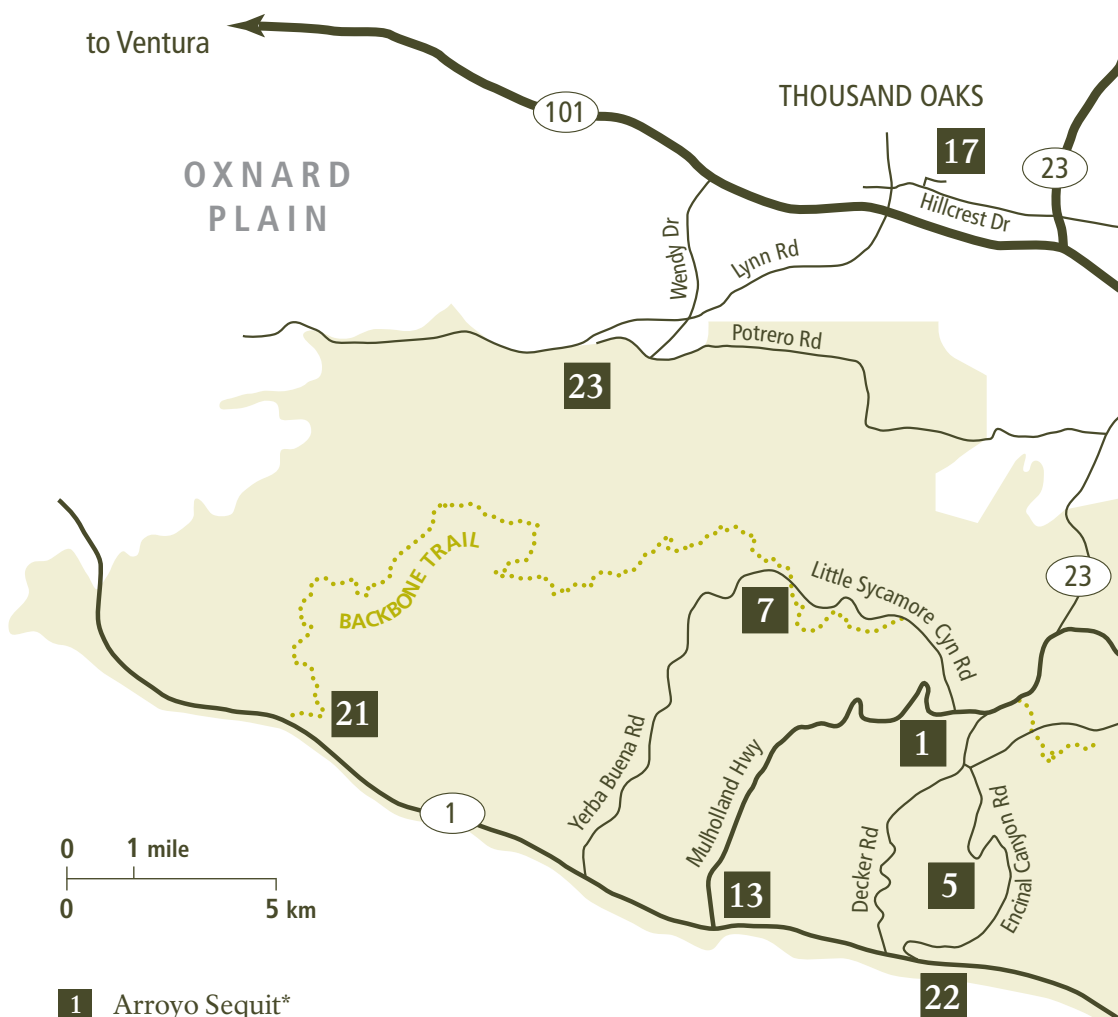
Zuma Canyon Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road.

Newton Canyon Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



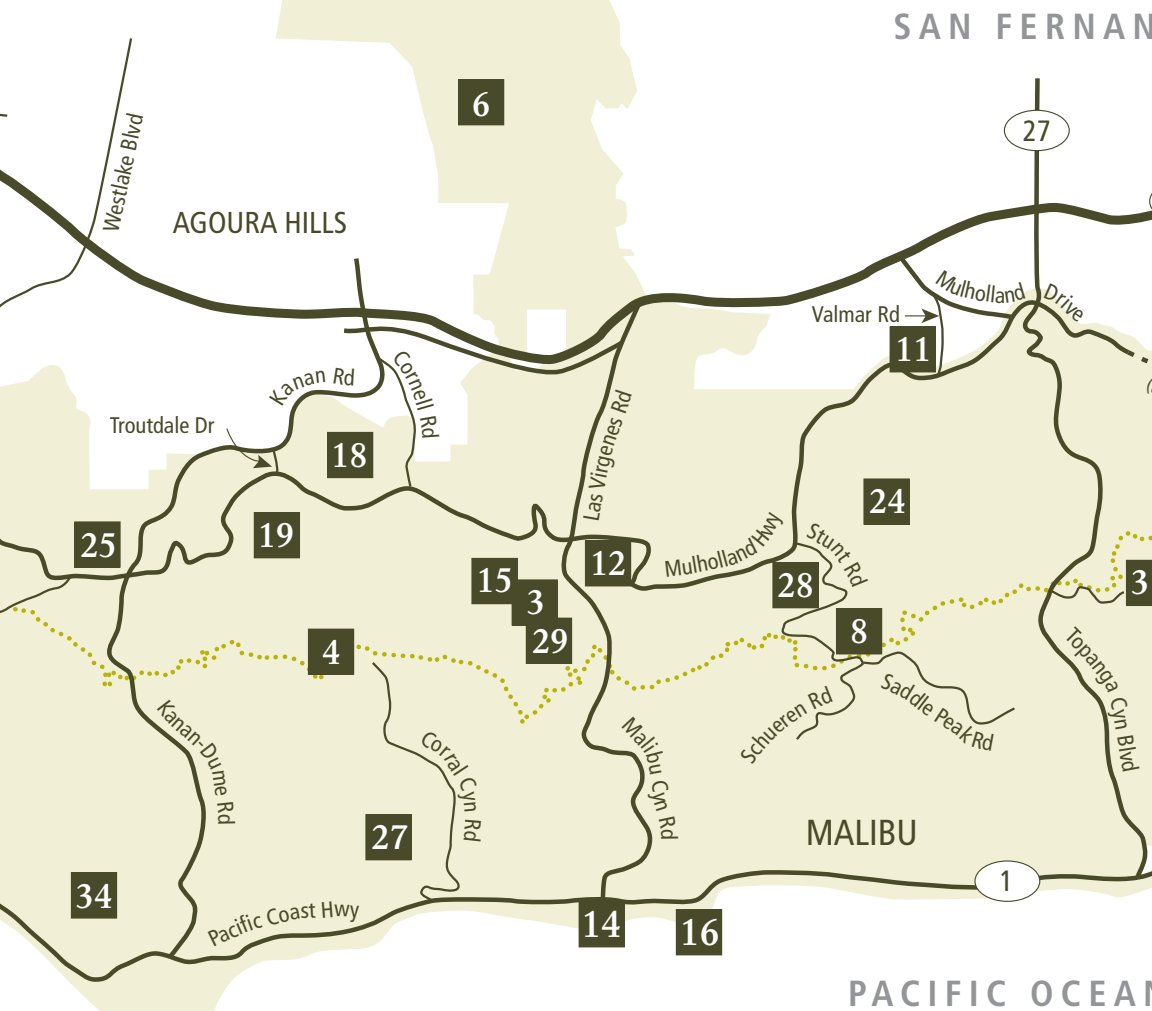
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Have questions on a program or event?

Find the acronym (i.e. NPS) at the end of the description and then contact the agency or organization below.

Directory of Park Partners

AASMM	310-457-9130	Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains (www.allied-artists.com)
CCD	818-591-1701	Cold Creek Docents (www.lafn.org/community/mrt/docents.html)
CMPRD	310-317-1364	City of Malibu Parks & Recreation Dept
CNI	213-746-2966	The Children's Nature Institute (www.childrensnatureinstitute.org)
CNPS	818-348-5910	California Native Plant Society (www.cnps.org)
CORBA	818-206-8213	Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Assn (www.corbamtb.com)
CRPD	805-495-2163	Conejo Recreation & Park District (www.crpdp.org)
CSP	818-880-0363	California State Parks (www.parks.ca.gov)
CWC	310-394-2799	Coastwalk California (www.coastwalk.org)
FORC	323-666-5004	Friends of Runyon Canyon
LADPR	213-738-2961	County of Los Angeles Dept of Parks & Recreation (parks.lacounty.gov)
LAAS	323-876-0202	Los Angeles Audubon Society (www.losangelesaudubon.org)
MCD	818-889-6238	Malibu Creek Docents (www.malibucreekstatepark.org)
MLMD	310-456-8432	Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents (www.adamsonhouse.org)
MRCA	310-858-7272 x131	Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority (www.lamountains.com)
MRT	818-591-1701	Mountains Restoration Trust (www.mountainstrust.org)
NOWW	310-455-0550	The Nature of Wildworks (www.natureofwildworks.org)
NB	310-765-4871	NatureBridge (www.naturebridge.org)
NPS	805-370-2301	National Park Service (www.nps.gov/samo)
RCDSMM	818-597-8627	Resource Conserv. District of the Santa Monica Mtns (www.rcdsmm.org)
SC	213-387-4287	Sierra Club (www.sierraclub.org)
SFVAS	818-618-1652	San Fernando Valley Audubon Society (www.sfvaudubon.org)
SFVGP	818-702-8020	San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch (www.calgourd.com)
SMBAS	310-395-6235	Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society (smbasblog.wordpress.com)
SMMC	310-589-3200	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (smmc.ca.gov)
SMMF	805-370-2341	Santa Monica Mountains Fund (samofund.org)
SMMNHA	805-488-1827	Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Assn
SMMTC	818-222-4531	Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council (www.smmtc.org)
SRSMMR	310-206-3887	UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mtns Reserve (stuntranch.ucnrs.org)
TCA	310-459-5931	Temescal Canyon Association (www.temcanyon.org)
TCD	310-455-1696	Topanga Canyon Docents (www.topangacanyondocents.org)
TOPAW	805-494-1700	Thousand Oaks Plein Air Watercolorists
TP	818-753-4600	TreePeople (www.treepeople.org)
WRD	310-454-8212	Will Rogers State Historic Park Docents



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